

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
ARIZONA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COUNCIL
OF MEETING HELD AUGUST 24, 2006**

A public meeting of the Arizona Geographic Information Council was convened at 10:09a.m. on August 24, 2006 at the Arizona State Land Department, 1616 West Adams Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007 in Room 321. Present at the meeting were the following members or designees of the Arizona Geographic Information Council:

Lee Allison, Arizona Geological Survey
Kevin Blake, Northern Arizona Geographic Information Forum
Candace Bogart, USDA Forest Service
Jami Garrison, Arizona Department of Transportation
Victor Gass, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Gary Irish, Arizona State Land Department
Adam Iten, Arizona Department of Administration
Peter Kozy, Arizona Department of Economic Security
Boyd Larkin, designee for Richard Oland, Arizona Department of Revenue
Shea Lemar, designee for Jana Hutchins, Arizona State University
Cheryl Lopez, designee for Lisa Danka, Arizona Department of Commerce
Manny Rosas, Pima Association of Governments
Sue Smith, designee for Dena Gambrel, Arizona Department of Water Resources
Timothy Smothers, League of Arizona Cities and Towns
Tom Sturm, US Geological Survey
Gene Trobia, Arizona State Cartographer's Office
Tom Tyndall, designee for Bradley McNeill, Arizona State Parks
Rita Walton, Maricopa Association of Governments

Absent were:

Brian Brady, Yuma Regional Geographic Information System
Lisa Danka, Arizona Department of Commerce
Lee Dexter, Northern Arizona University
Chris English, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Rodney Hampton, Arizona Association of Counties
Lee Harbers, Arizona Professional Land Surveyors Association
Rick Harrington, Southern Arizona Geographic Information Systems
Jana Hutchins, Arizona State University
Jack Johnson, Bureau of Land Management
Keith Larson, Natural Resource Conservation Service
Dave Minkel, National Geodetic Survey
Chris Newton, Arizona Department of Health Services
Sharon Nicholson, Arizona Department of Public Safety
Howard Ward, private sector
Craig Wissler, University of Arizona

The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided at the meeting:

- I. Call to Order. The Council was called to order at 10:09am by Tom Sturm, AGIC Vice President. A count of Board Members established that a quorum was present (see list of Board members and designees in attendance).
- II. Budget Update. Gary Irish reported on the AGIC budget (see attached AGIC Budget Summary). The status of the AGIC budget indicated that as of July 31, 2006, the AGIC General account showed a balance of \$10,803.29 and the AGIC Conference account showed a balance of \$44,347.91. Gene requested that the Board move money from the Conference account into the main account in anticipation of providing support for NAIP 2007 imagery. Gene moved that \$30,000 be moved from the Conference account to the main account. Tim Smothers seconded. Gary Irish asked if what would be left after the transfer would be sufficient as seed money for the next AGIC Conference. Jason Howard responded that it would. Motion was approved unanimously.

Action Item: Transfer \$30,000 from Conference account into AGIC account for potential use in acquiring NAIP 2007 imagery.

Gary mentioned that dues for Board members would be invoiced soon and that members should send their dues to the AGIC PO Box.

- III. Approval of Minutes of the May 4, 2006 Board meeting. Motion made by Rita Walton. Seconded by Jami Garrison. Approved unanimously.

Action Item: Minutes of the May 4 Board meeting approved.

IV. Committee Reports:

A. *Administration and Legal Committee*

Tim Smothers reported that at the July meeting of the Arizona Professional Land Surveyors Association the Geospatial Group had been up for sunset, but the APLS Board voted to continue the Geospatial Group.

Tim also reported that he had published an AGIC flyer for distribution at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns conference. Tim noted that the flyer would be included in the attendees' packets. Gene Trobia commended Tim on his work for the flyer and on the geospatial committee.

B. *Data Resources Committee*

Tom Sturm reported on the status of the 2005 DOQQs. Tom reported that Pima County was added to the data capture program and that the initial delivery of that data had been received and reviewed. Adam Iten commented that the new imagery was already paying off around the state.

Tom next reported that NAIP has Arizona scheduled for imagery acquisition in 2007 and that they were looking for partners to make sure Arizona stays on the schedule for 2007 imagery collection. Tom said that he anticipates USDA Forest Service, NRCS, and USGS will provide contributions, but that NAIP would also be looking for contributions from the State to round out monies for imagery acquisition. Tom

indicated that the State Cartographer's Office would hold a meeting in the afternoon regarding NAIP 2007, and that the topic would be discussed more at that meeting. Gene Trobia encouraged persons who might have specific requirements for the 2007 imagery to please bring it to the SCO's attention so that those needs can be accommodated.

Jason Howard reported on the status of the Imagery Server project. Jason indicated that he was waiting on the Pima County imagery before loading the last couple of counties into the database. Jason reported that he had began beta testing the service with ADEQ, but that the system would have to be taken off line for the final data loading and map service and database configuration. Manny Rosas suggested that he might be willing to add the PAG imagery to the database. Gene Trobia added that we will have this data available for general use in September. Jason added that 2004 imagery from Maricopa County Flood Control District and 2003 imagery over Cochise County would be added to complete the coverage of imagery over Arizona. Gary Irish added that the server had been very responsive in testing. Gary asked Jason to comment on the map service capabilities of the new release of ArcIMS. Jason gave a brief overview of those capabilities.

Gene Trobia next directed the Board's attention to the Imagery for the Nation handout put together by NSGIC. Gene indicated that NSGIC has been successful in promoting this program and that the President has put geospatial in federal budget as a line item. Gene gave a brief overview of Imagery for the Nation, and added that there is a buy up option to get better resolution if partners contribute money to the program. Gene next directed the Board's attention to second handout, a letter of support from AGIC to NSGIC in support of Imagery for the Nation. Gene moved that the letter be endorsed by the board and sent to NSGIC. Tim Smothers seconded. Approved unanimously.

Action Item: Letter of support for Imagery for the Nation endorsed by AGIC.

Gene next reported that he had been to Washington, DC in support of Arizona Height Modernization for 2007. Gene indicated that Arizona had received \$500,000 for the first year, but that Arizona would probably not receive funding for 2007. Gene reported that with the first year's funding, several new CORS stations would be added to the state network.

C. *Technology Committee*

Gary Irish reported on the status of the AGIC Portal. Gary indicated that the Portal was still in a beta form and that the main issues being dealt with now were administrative and legal issues. Gary indicated that this included drafting of a user agreement and a contributor agreement and working with the Attorney General's Office on the agreements. Gary reported that commercial aspects of data distribution were still a problem and that the issue is before the Attorney General's Office as well.

D. *Education, Outreach, and Conference Committee*

Jason Howard reported that Eva Reid had moved away and that this committee currently did not have a chair.

1. Education Working Group. Shea Lemar reported that the Internet Mapping User

Group meeting will be on September 12. The event will be co-hosted with ESRI.

Shea reported that ASU-AGIC GIS Career Fest is October 11. Shea handed out a flyer for the event. The purpose of the event is to bring in organizations that hire GIS professionals to discuss what those organizations look for when hiring GIS professionals. Shea requested that AGIC purchase supplies needed for the event, assuming the cost stays under \$100. Gene noted that AGIC's name was not on the flyer. Shea responded that the flyer had been made before AGIC agreed to cosponsor the event. Gene moved that as a sponsor of the event, AGIC contribute \$150 toward the event. Seconded by Jami Garrison. Approved unanimously.

Action Item: AGIC will contribute \$150 toward the ASU-AGIC GIS Career Fest.

2. Outreach Working Group. Santiago Garcia reported that the Outreach Working Group has been working on getting tribal representation on the board. Santiago proposed that if there were to be a tribal GIS user group, that would be the group that should be represented on the AGIC Board. Shea Lemar added several tribal organizations had inquired about tribal representation on AGIC. Shea indicated that she has been talking with ITCA about coordinating this.

Santiago next reported that the newsletter normally has a letter from the president but that the Working Group would like to try a revolving contribution from board members and not the president. Tim Smothers proposed that he do an article addressing the APLS Geospatial Professionals group for the newsletter.

3. Conference Working Group. Jason Howard reported that a contract with the Prescott Resort has been signed and submitted. Tentatively, AGIC 2007 will be August 8-10, 2007. Gene commented that the Working Group had tried to get the conference hosted in Tucson but that the resorts there were unwilling to accommodate the government per diem rates on rooms.

Gene Trobia reported on the status of the 2006 workshops. Gene indicated that the focus of the workshops has evolved and that in the current conception the workshops would be listening sessions to get from local organizations what datasets and content are needed, initiatives and programs at the local level, priorities, and areas where help is needed. Gene added that AGIC will be required to produce both a business plan and a strategic plan for future federal funding and that one goal of the workshops is to help AGIC create those plans. Adam Iten noted that Graham County was getting a GIS group together and the outreach by AGIC is a great idea to put AGIC out there as a resource. Jami Garrison said that she was disappointed that there would be no educational component and that there is some need for that sort of workshop in the GIS community. Jason Howard proposed that the workshops be conducted under the auspices of the SCO. Gene moved that SCO handle the logistics and planning of the workshops.

E. *Homeland Security Committee*

Gene Trobia reported the State Cartographer's Office had created a homeland security group.

Adam Iten reported that the State 911 Office was currently collecting statewide transportation data, and that Jami Garrison has agreed to be the integrator for all the data that is collected.

Gene reported that he was asked to put together a report on geospatial in homeland security and Senator Kyl's staff were very responsive to it and that Frank Navarette's Office was also supportive. As a result, Gene reported that SCO had been reworking a plan that went to the Governor's Office several years ago. The plan would build an asset tracking system as well as enhance the ability of the SCO to build and improve framework data.

V. Comments, Requests, and Items for Future Agendas. Jason Howard remarked that the Arizona Chapter of URISA was still alive and would hopefully take over some of the demand for educational workshops in the future.

Tim Smothers commented that the next Board meeting will include the election of officers and requested an agenda item for an election. Tim noted that nominations need to be out to the Board 30-days prior to the meeting.

Gene Trobia announced that the NSGIC conference will be held the first week in October in Little Rock, Arkansas. Gene proposed an agenda item to cover the highlights of the NSGIC meeting.

VI. Call to the Public. No members of the public had requested to address the Board.

VII. Next Meeting Time and Date. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is November 2nd, 2006 at 10:00am. Jason Howard noted that he believed the meeting place was scheduled to be at the ADOT HRDC, but asked if Jami Garrison could please confirm that.

VIII. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.

Attachments:

AGIC Budget Summary

AGIC flyer for League of Arizona Cities and Towns

Imagery for the Nation flyer

Draft letter to NSGIC in support of Imagery for the Nation

CORS station map